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From: William T Fujioka  
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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### Executive Summary

This memorandum contains a report on the following:

- **Pursuit of County-Sponsored Legislation. SB 982 (Huff)** would make it a felony punishable in a county jail for 16 months or two or three years, for individuals that procure or seek to procure the sexual services of a prostitute if she or he is under 18 years of age. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with the Board's action of September 3, 2013 which directed the Chief Executive Officer to pursue sponsorship of State legislation that enhances penalties for consumers who sexually exploit children, and existing Board-approved policy to increase the penalties for individuals involved in the commercial sexual exploitation of minors, **the Sacramento advocates will sponsor SB 982.**

### Pursuit of County-Sponsored Legislation

**SB 982 (Huff)**, which as introduced on February 11, 2014, would make it a felony punishable in a county jail for 16 months or two or three years, for individuals that seek to procure, or procure, the sexual services of a prostitute if she or he is under 18 years of age.

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Existing law provides that a person who solicits, agrees to engage in, or engages in any act of prostitution is guilty of disorderly conduct which is a misdemeanor and is punishable in a county jail for no more than six months, by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or by both a fine and imprisonment.

As introduced, SB 982 would significantly increase the punishment for individuals found guilty of soliciting or engaging in an act of prostitution if the individual being solicited is under the age of 18. The measure would allow individuals convicted of this offense to be sentenced to a maximum of three years of imprisonment in a county jail.

Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with the Board's action of September 3, 2013 which directed the Chief Executive Officer to pursue sponsorship of State legislation that enhances penalties for consumers who sexually exploit children including amending the Penal Code to make it a felony to solicit or engage in prostitution with a minor, and existing Board-approved policy to increase the penalties for individuals involved in the commercial sexual exploitation of minors, **the Sacramento advocates will sponsor SB 982.**

Sponsorship of SB 982 is also consistent with County efforts relating to legislation aimed at combating human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of minors, including **County-co-sponsored SB 473 (Block)**, which would add human trafficking to the list of felony offenses used to establish a pattern of criminal gang activity and make offenders eligible for enhanced criminal sentences; and **County-sponsored SB 955 (Mitchell)**, which would include human trafficking to the offenses for which a wiretap may be authorized.

SB 982 is currently in the Senate awaiting referral to committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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